



2003 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set Available March 24. Five-Coin Set Honors Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced that the 2003 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set will be released March 24, 2003, at 12 noon (E.S.T.). The set features proof versions of the 2003 quarters issued under the 50 State Quarters Program — Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas — sealed in a presentation case. The set will sell for \$13.95.

Proof coins are manufactured at the San Francisco Mint facility using specially prepared, highly polished dies. Bearing the "S" mint mark, each coin is struck at least twice to ensure the finest detail in a frosted cameo image on a bright, mirror-like background. The sealed cases containing the coins are inserted into a specially printed sleeve and are accompanied by an official United States Mint Certificate of Authenticity.

There is no household order limit. Customers may order as many sets as they desire while supplies last. This product is also available through the United States Mint's subscription program. For more information about this convenient ordering method, please visit <http://www.usmint.gov>.

Customers can purchase the 2003 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set online through the United States Mint's secure website at <http://www.usmint.gov>, or by calling toll-free 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Also, orders may be mailed to United States Mint, P.O. Box 382601, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8601. A shipping and handling fee of \$3.95 per order will be added to all domestic orders. Hearing and speech impaired customers may order by calling 1-888-321-MINT (6468) (TTY). Please allow two to three weeks for delivery.

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